

## House Resolution 1362

By: Representative Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Boy Scouts of America program on the occasion of its 100th anniversary;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America, a volunteer organization, was incorporated by  
4 Chicago publisher William D. Boyce on February 8, 1910, after learning of the Scouting  
5 movement during a visit to London; and

6 WHEREAS, on June 21, 1910, a group of 34 national representatives met, developed  
7 organization plans, and opened a temporary national headquarters for the program in New  
8 York; and

9 WHEREAS, the purpose of the Boy Scouts of America is to teach America's youth  
10 patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred values; and

11 WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America has and continues to live out its commitment to  
12 helping millions of youth succeed by providing the support, friendship, and mentoring  
13 necessary to live a happy and fulfilling life; and

14 WHEREAS, by 1912, Boy Scouts were enrolled in every state, and in 1916, the United  
15 States Congress granted the Boy Scouts of America a federal charter; and

16 WHEREAS, each council requires a Scout to perform at least 12 hours of community service  
17 annually, totaling more than 30 million community service hours each year; and

18 WHEREAS, there have now been more than 111 million members of Scouting, and the  
19 organization presented the two millionth Eagle Scout award in 2009; and

20 WHEREAS, more than 1 million adult volunteer leaders selflessly serve young people in  
21 their communities through organizations chartered by the Boy Scouts of America, often  
22 neither receiving nor seeking the thanks of the public; and

23 WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America endeavors to develop United States citizens who are  
24 physically, mentally, and emotionally fit; have a high degree of self-reliance as evidenced  
25 in such qualities as initiative, courage, and resourcefulness; have personal values based on  
26 religious concepts; have the desire and skills to help others and understand the principles of  
27 the United States' social, economic, and governmental systems; take pride in their American  
28 heritage and understand our nation's role in the world; have a keen respect for the basic rights  
29 of all people; and are prepared to participate in and give leadership to American society; and

30 WHEREAS, on February 8, 2010, the Boy Scouts of America program will celebrate its  
31 centennial anniversary and 100 years of Scouting, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that  
32 this amazing organization be appropriately recognized.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
34 the members of this body commend the Boy Scouts of America program for improving the  
35 lives of countless young men and inspiring all Americans to be better citizens and  
36 congratulate past and present Scouts on 100 years of tradition.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
38 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Boys Scouts of America  
39 program.